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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Staff, TDS

SUBJECT: Coordination visit to ORD regarding our "Crop Yields" RFP.

1. I spent two hours this morning, 2 December 1966, in the office of [REDACTED] in the Ames Bldg (Room 506, [REDACTED]) explaining our involvement in putting out RFP No RD-5-67 titled "Estimating Crop Yields Through an Analysis of High Altitude Reconnaissance Photography". Also present were [REDACTED] Chief, Biological Sciences Divisions and [REDACTED] who works under [REDACTED]. I explained how we were doing this in response to a direct request from ORR, that is, from [REDACTED] Chief, Resources and Industries Division of ORR.

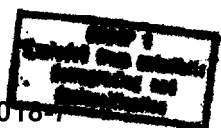
2. [REDACTED] and the others present gave me a brief run-down on their [REDACTED] which is also addressed to the problem of estimating crop yields by remote sensing methods. Their program also includes the concept of orbital reconnaissance for crop estimation purposes. They expect, ultimately, to be able to launch their own orbiting vehicle whose specific task will be crop analysis. Their program includes the design and manufacturing of special cameras for this satellite.

3. As stated above, crop yield estimation is the primary and ultimate concern of their program, but they have added some other work to their project. This is being done for [REDACTED] and it involves reporting on the effect on rice crops by the introduction of diseases. I had been under the impression that this was all their program involved, but I was mistaken.

4. Since their program does not address itself to the usefulness of [REDACTED] I feel that our feasibility study could still be of use to ORR. I recommend that we follow through with our proposed study, but that we see to it that our contractor is informed as to what has already been done under ORD's program and that they do not spend any time going over the same ground already covered by ORD's contract.

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5. A joint meeting with ORD, ORR and NPIC representatives is planned for the near future, sometime after the 13th of Dec.


Development Staff, TDS

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